

TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

June 30, 2024

WELCOME

We are glad you could join us! We would love to connect with you and answer any questions you may have about Trinity. Scan below with your phone camera to leave us your contact information.



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WORSHIPING THE LORD WHO FORGIVES US

(Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service, but if your family needs a break from the sanctuary or wants to move around, our family overflow room with toys is available in room 111.)

Nursery Volunteers (worship service): Kathy & Steve O'Neal, Barb Schlitt, Nora Williamson

Liturgist: Rev. Pablo Rosales

Scripture Reader: Mary Berardi

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Chris Freeman

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." — John 13:34-35

"If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey going astray, you shall bring it back to him." — Ex. 23:4

"The more we hate our enemies, the more we are enslaved to them. We cannot escape hatred by hating others." — Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Devotional Preparation

To Follow Christ is to Love Them When they Hate You — by Kevin Deyoung (TGC)

There are two difficult realities you must accept if you are to live faithfully as a Christian in the world. (1) You will have enemies. And (2) you must love those enemies. Jesus taught both things quite clearly.

Matthew 5:43-45 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your father who is in heaven."

Matthew 10:21-22 "Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved."

Accepting either one of these truths is challenging enough. Embracing both of them takes the work of the Holy Spirit.

Some people can accept that they will have enemies in this life. They understand the world may hate them, so they prepare for the worst and get ready for battle. They know that the world is not their home. They expect to be hated for their Christian beliefs. And in fact, they feel some confirmation they are on the right track when they accumulate opponents. They are fully prepared for enemies. But there is little in their demeanor that wants to love those enemies. They are always in battle mode and have no interest in forgiving their enemies or praying for the spiritual well being of their enemies. These folks exhibit lots of courage and little compassion.

On the other hand, some people are just the opposite. They believe in love with all their hearts. They know they must turn the other cheek and accentuate the positive. They care deeply for the feelings and hurts of others. They want people to get along. They try to minimize conflict and find common ground. They are fully prepared to love. But they don't have a very robust view of love. They equate love with unconditional affirmation or think love means we don't challenge faulty assumptions. They are always in bridge building mode and no stomach for ever upsetting someone. These folks exhibit lots of compassion and little courage.

We need both. If you are going to be a faithful Christian in a fallen world you better be prepared for people to hate you, and you better be prepared to love them nonetheless. Even to the point of death.

Ours, of course, not theirs. That's the way of Jesus. Tell the truth. Be hated. Love. Die. Live again.

Song of Preparation

O God Beyond All Praising
Trinity Hymnal #660

Call to Worship—Psalm 30 (selected)

Leader: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

People: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,

People: We give thanks to his holy name!

Leader: For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

All: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Leader: Now O Lord, bring us into your presence with joyful adoration on our lips!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Fairest Lord Jesus
Trinity Hymnal #170 (vv. 1-3)

*Songs of Adoration

King of Kings

Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, and Scott Ligertwood. Arr. by Dan Galbraith

D/F# G



1. In the dark - ness — we were wait - ing, with - out hope, .
(2.) the king - dom com - ing and to re -

2 A D D/F# G



— with-out light, — till from Heav - en You — came run - ning. There was mer -
- con-cile the lost, — to re - deem — the whole — cre - a - tion You did not —

4 A D D/F# G



- cy in — Your eyes. — To ful - fil — the law — and pro - phets, to a vir -
- des - pise — the cross. — For — e - ven in — Your suf - fring, You saw to —

6 A D D/F# G



- gin came — the Word — from a throne — of end - less glo - ry to a cra -
- the oth - er side. — Know-ing this — was our — sal - va - tion, Je - sus, for —

8 A D D




- dle in — the dirt. — Praise the Fa - ther,
— our sake — You died. —

12 G Bm A^{sus} A D



praise the Son, praise the Spir - it, three in one. God of Glo - ry,

16 G Bm G A D



maj - es - ty, praise for - ev - er to the King of Kings.

20 1. VERSE 3 2.

Bm G

2. To re-veal 3. And the morn - ing that - You rose - all of heav

23 A D Bm G

- en held - its breath - till that stone - was moved - for good, - for the Lamb

25 A D Bm G

- had con - quered death. - And the dead - rose from - their tombs, - and the an -

27 A D Bm G

- gels stood - in awe, - for the souls - of all - who'd come - to the Fa -

VERSE 4

29 A D D/F# G

- ther are - re - stored. - 4. And the Church - of Christ - was born, - then the Spir

- it lit - the flame. - Now this Gos - pel truth - of old - shall - not kneel,

33 A D D/F# G

- shall - not faint. - By His blood - and in - His Name, - in His free

35 A D D/F# G A

- dom I - am free, - for the love - of Je - sus Christ - who has res - ur - rect - ed me.

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—Lamentations 3:22-33

Great is Your Faithfulness

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul who seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.

It is good for a man that he bear
the yoke in his youth.

Let him sit alone in silence
when it is laid on him;
let him put his mouth in the dust—
there may yet be hope;
let him give his cheek to the one who strikes,
and let him be filled with insults.

For the Lord will not
cast off forever,
but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
for he does not afflict from his heart
or grieve the children of men.

Reader: The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of
the Lord stands forever!

People: Thanks be to God!

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Call to Confession—Psalm 130:1-2

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

Song of Confession

From the Depths of Woe (Psalm 130)

Words by Martin Luther. Music by Christopher Miner. (vv. 1-2)

8 G A A# Bm A G

1. From the depths of woe I raise to Thee, The voice of lam - en - ta -
2. To wash a - way the crim - son stain, Grace, grace a - lone a - vail -

12 G Bm A G

tion; Lord, turn a gra - cious ear to me And hear my sup - pli - ca -
eth; Our works, a - las! Are all in vain; In much the best life fail -

16 G G A Bm

tion; If thou in - i - qui - ties dost mark, Our se - cret sins and mis -
eth; No man can glo - ry in thy sight, All must a - like con - fess

20 G Bm A Women: G A

Men:

deeds dark, O who shall stand be - fore thee? O who
thy might, And live a - lone by mer - cy And live
O who shall stand be - fore
And live a - lone by mer -

25 Bm A G A Bm

shall stand be - fore thee?
a - lone by mer - cy
thee?
cy Who shall stand be - fore thee?
Live a - lone by mer - cy

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Ps. 130:3-5

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for forgiving us when we were enemies!

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Now may the peace of Christ be with you all!

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

From the Depths of Woe (Psalm 130)

(vv. 3-5)

30 Bm Bm Bm A D A

There - fore my trust is in the Lord, And not

35 Bm G D A

in mine own mer - it; On Him my soul shall rest, His word up - holds

39 Bm G G A

my faint - ing spir - it; His prom - ised mer - cy is my fort; My com -

43 Bm G D A G

fort and my sweet sup - port; I wait for it with pa - tience. Wait for

48 A D A G A

it wait for it with pa - tience. Wait for it with pa -

53 D D D D

tience.

4. What though I wait
the live-long night,
And till the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in his might;
It doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed,
Ye of the Spirit born indeed;
And wait till God appeareth. (echo)
And wait till God appeareth (echo)

5. Though great our sins
and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows,
Our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He,
Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow (echo)
From all their sin and sorrow (echo)
From all their sin and sorrow (echo)

Children's Sermon

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer



Tithes and Offerings

(Children's Church does not meet on the 5th Sunday)

If you would like to give your tithe online, scan your camera phone here:



Offertory Song (Ensemble)

All My Hope

David Crowder and Ed Cash. Arr. by Dan Galbraith

Sermon

"Love Your Enemies"

Sermon Series, Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5:43-48

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

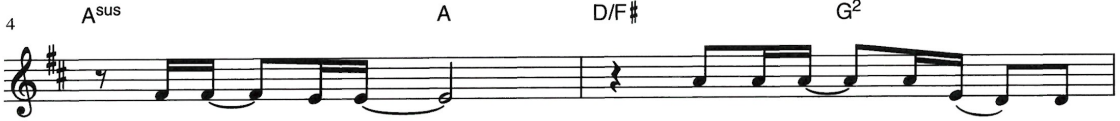
Billy J. Foote

VERSE

D/F# G² A^{sus} A D/F# G²



Im for-giv - en _ be - cause You were _ for-sak - en. Im ac-cept-ed;



You were _ con - demned. _ Im a - live _ and well, _ Your



Spir - it is _ with-in _ me be - cause You died _ and rose _ a - gain. _

CHORUS



A-maz-ing love, _ how _ can it be _ that You, my _ King, _ would die _ for me? .



_ A-maz - ing love, _ I _ know its true; _

15 D Last time to Coda 1. A^{sus} A G/A 2. A^{sus} A

its my joy to hon - or You. In all I

18 G A D BRIDGE D

do I hon-or You. You are my King,

23

You are my King. Je - sus, You are my

26 D.C. al Coda

King. Je - sus, You are my King.

29 Coda A^{sus} A G A D

In all I do I hon - or You.

***Benediction** *If you would like a time of prayer with one of our elders, please come to the front of the sanctuary after the service.*

Nursery Volunteer (SS): Amy Mitchell (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

From Cradle to the Grave - Pastor Polski (Room 111)

Please consider joining Pastor Polski for this six week summer Sunday School class that will be taking up important issues from both ends of our lives using the scripture first and then two important contemporary resources. The first part of the class will address important issues in Christian parenting with a special focus on debriefing the book "The Anxious Generation" by Jonathan Haidt with its focus on how social media has reshaped childhood and what we can do about it. In the second part of the class we will be looking at end of life issues and what it means to age with grace. In this part of the class a special focus will be placed on Atul Gawande's book, "Being Mortal," and the suggestions he makes for adult children and their aging parents to engage healthily on how they would like the last phase of their lives to go. My prayer is that this whole class will be a true intergenerational experience as we love and support one another within the context of the church and our families.

Evangelism Explosion- Rev. Pablo Rosales and Rev. Tim Jackson (Room 110)

What's the best news you've ever heard? In Christianity Explored we will explore how Mark's gospel answers this question. It's a journey to discover who Jesus is, what he achieved, and how he calls all people to respond. The purpose of this Sunday School class is to strengthen your knowledge of Jesus and prepare you to share your own answer to the question: What's the best news you've ever heard? This 6-week video-based course is for seekers, new believers, and those who have been running the race for a while.

Jr. & Sr. High Students - Lower level

Children aged 4 (by July 31, 2024) through incoming 5th grade - Room 106

Babies and toddlers - Room 104

In a one room schoolhouse format, students will have Bible lessons, music, activities, and outside play based on our summer theme—God's truth never changes!

Caregivers, please sign your child into the Summer Sundays classroom after you have enjoyed fellowship/snack. Older children will be dismissed to an adult caregiver from the playground. Please send your child with a water bottle, labeled with their name.

Please contact Melissa Kocher, Children's Ministry Coordinator with any questions at melissa.kocher@trinitychurchkirkwood.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday for all ages meet today. A list of classes and locations can be found on the previous page.

Visitors: If you are visiting with us today we would love to give you a small gift. Please stop by the Welcome Table so we can say "hello."

Volunteers today: Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: O'Neals, Schlitt, Williamson. SS: Mitchell. CC: Doiron, Polski, Wagberg. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: Wilhoit, Schmidt, Thomason, Hendricks. SS: Harlow. CC: Doiron, Wagberg, Polski.

Men's Night this Wed. at 7:30pm at Chris Freeman's.

Youth Ministry: Youth Ministry Nights: Sundays from 4:30-6:30pm.

Ladies, Hannah Wong is hosting a **Flower Arranging Workshop on July 13th** from 1-3:30am. More details and sign up can be found on Church Center or use the QR code to the right.

Having trouble staying cool in July? Children's Ministry families and friends, join us on Sunday, **July 14th from 4:30 to 6:30 pm for Summer Splash!** Kids, wear your swimsuits, bring a beach towel, and join us for water games and fun! Caregivers, don't forget your lawn chairs. You are welcome to bring a picnic dinner. Frozen treats will be provided.

The **Grounds Crew could use your help!** We need help with mowing, trimming, etc. If you are willing to lend a hand, please see Glynn Schlitt, James Broughton, or Fielding Poe. We can work with your schedule!

Save the Date! **Trinity's Women's Ministry is hosting a special event** on Wed., Aug. 14th from 6:30-8pm-*Pass the Blessings*. A night of food, fellowship, and encouragement. Details can be found using the QR code to the right or on your Church Center app.

We are collecting recipes for a **Trinity Cookbook** to be passed out at our Women's Event on Aug. 14th. If you would like to contribute, please send your recipes to amy.mitchell@trinitychurchkirkwood.org as soon as possible.

If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to amy.mitchell@trinitychurchkirkwood.org

There are **several easy ways to serve at Trinity**. Feel free to reach out to these ministry coordinators to get involved:

Ushers: Paul Schaffer:

Paul.Schaffer@trinitychurchkirkwood.org,

Greeters: James Broughton (James.

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Children's Ministry: Melissa Kocher (Melissa.Kocher@trinitychurchkirkwood.org)

Did you know you can use the **Church Center app** for online giving, church directory, to sign up for events, connect with your small groups, bible studies, etc? Contact the church office for assistance.

You can **sign up for all upcoming events** by scanning your phone camera over the QR code and then [following the link:](#)




SAVE THE DATE

- Jun. 23: Summer Sunday school session begins
- Jun. 23: Children's Ministry Bike Night
- Jun. 23: Jr./Sr. High Ministry Nights begin
- Jun. 29: JH/SH Pool Party
- Jul. 10: JH/SH at the Muni
- Jul. 13: Women's Flower Arranging
- Jul. 14: Summer Splash
- Jul. 31: Movie Night
- Aug. 1: Women's Painting Party
- Aug. 14: Women's Ministry Event
- Sept. 14: Ariel Concert
- Sept. 28: Party on the Lawn

MISSION UPDATE

Prayers: Here is a QR link to our *NEW* July 2024 Newsletter and Prayer Calendar:



- Please pray for the ministries and volunteers listed in the prayer calendar and below.
- **Public Prayer requests can be found here:** 
- **Upcoming Youth Mission Trip:** Three adult leaders, and 9 students will be traveling to Puerto Rico. In addition to a building project in a small town of Dorado, some will have the cross-cultural experience of attending a church in the area! Please pray that the participants will each be open to the Holy Spirit's leading and have a servant's heart as they go. Also pray that lives will be changed by the power of the gospel.
- **Several young missionaries heading out of country!** Along with our youth mentioned above, pray for Shane Roberts's trip to Japan and Lily Polski's trip to Senegal. Pray that the Lord would keep them and bless the work of their hands. Pray that the gospel would be proclaimed in word and deed.

Goers:

- **Restore STL, Workday** – This local PCA ministry gathers volunteers from churches, colleges, small businesses and every place in between to provide basic home repairs and personal connections for the poor and vulnerable. Whether it's a skilled plumbing job or simply pulling weeds, they strive to provide servant hands and hearts for "the least of these".

The next Saturday Serve with Restore – July 13

- **Anand Masagalla** – Many of you have met Anand. He is an international student at SLU. He was volunteering with Restore this summer until he received news of his father's death back home in India. He has travelled home for a short time. Please pray for Anand, his family, and his July return to continue his studies.

Senders: The work of outreach and mission cannot happen without your generous and sacrificial giving. If you would like to participate in mission work by sending, scan here:

Select "Missions" from the dropdown menu.



Welcomers: Are you a person that loves the idea of hospitality?

- **Snack Table Ministry:** Believe it or not, snacks are a vital part of our weekly ministry. A few calories, fat, carbs, protein, and natural sugar, are necessary fuel for the body. Sadly, around 10:45am every Sunday, those energy stores are depleted and need a quick replenishment (especially for those little ones). Help prevent "hanger" through hospitality by participating in this ministry.



Mobilizers: Where are you currently serving? Where would you like to serve? What needs do you see around you? Let's talk about it. Reach out to Pastor Pablo at pablo@trinitychurchkirkwood.org

Trinity's ministries are organized around the core values in our purpose statement which reads: Trinity Church exists to **exalt** God's name, **establish** God's people, **equip** God's church and **engage** God's world, in the power of the Holy Spirit and for the sake of the Risen King, Jesus Christ.

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